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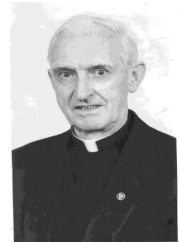
CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DENNEHY'S CROSS, CORK

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The Body and Blood of Christ

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DEAN O'CONNOR WRITES



## OUR INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS (THAT WERE)

### God's Word

Readings for Sunday 21st  
June

First Reading  
Job 3:1,8-11

Psalm 106

Second Reading  
2 Cor 5:14-17

Gospel Mk 4:35-41

I hesitate to write on this topic - I will probably be misunderstood - but I feel I must. Every chat-show, feature writer, or even Churchmen have joined in condemning the brothers, nuns and priests who abused children. Of course we are all appalled that such things could happen - and rightly so. Now everybody is screaming for revenge on the perpetrators. There is a better way to react according to my understanding of our Christian Religion - forgiveness - yes, forgiveness. Of course this is asking a huge effort from those who suffered abuse. I know that, but this is the challenge that Jesus gave us. "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." "If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go first to be reconciled to your brother." Our Lord's dying words were, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." And he was totally innocent.

I suppose the best witness to fulfilling this Christian message is Nelson Mandela imprisoned and degraded for 27 years on Robben Island. He became leader of his country. And then did he turn on his persecutors? No! He worked with great dedication and gentleness to bring reconciliation between those who had suffered wrongful imprisonment and contempt like himself - and their oppressors. He was, and is, admired throughout the world for his exemplary Christian work and example. Remember too there were many good and helpful people in these institutions (cf. letters in the Press from inmates attesting to this.)

Some commentators allege we are all guilty for the harshness in these institutions. I must disagree. I knew nothing of life in Industrial Schools, not did you, except that it was hard, but we had neither hand, act nor part in it. Nor had we the power to do anything about it. I feel I have faults enough of my own to make amends for, without taking responsibility for others.

O Lord, have mercy on us all.

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## Notice Board

### Corpus Christi Procession

The annual procession will take place today, leaving from the Cathedral at 3.00pm arriving at Daunt's Square 3.40pm (approx).  
Preacher will be Monsignor Leonard O'Brien.

### ANNUAL MASS ON THE GREEN

**PARKWAY/LEESDALE and adjoining Estates**  
**Saturday next 20th June at 7.30pm.**  
**All welcome - come and join us.**

### WILTON GARDENS ANNUAL MASS

**On Tuesday 23rd June at 8.00pm in the Crypt .**  
**All residents are welcome to attend.**

**Bulletins** will be delivered to all homes in the parish next weekend.

### Pastoral Council

Meeting on Thursday 18th June in the Parish Office at 8.00pm.

### What in the World?

RTE Series on Human Rights, Globalisation, Poverty, filmed on location in Columbia, Laos, Mali, Mongolia, Niger, Paraguay. Thursdays on RTE 1 at 11.05pm.

### Dominican Summer Retreats

*Meditation Retreat 4-11th July.* Introducing different forms of meditation; also some allied practices: pottery, photography, journaling.

*Contemplating the Saving Mysteries of Christ 11th-17th July.* The great feasts and moments of the mystery of Christ unfold before us in Liturgy and reflection: his baptism, public life, passion, death and resurrection; Pentecost. Contact Dominican Retreat Centre, 01-4048123. [retreathouse@eircom.net](mailto:retreathouse@eircom.net)

### To Reach Peace, Teach Peace

Knock Peace Academy invite participation on Sunday 9th to Thursday 14th August. Learn peace skills and be inspired by champions of Peace including Nuala O'Loan, Fr. Alex Reid. For details contact Gearóid Duffy, at 086-1293384.

### Act of Consecration to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary, I consecrate myself and my whole family to you. We consecrate to you our very being and all our life; all that we are, all that we have, and all that we love. To you we give our bodies, our hearts and our souls. To you we dedicate our home and our country. Mindful of this consecration, we now promise you to live the Christian way by the practice of Christian virtues, without regard for human respect. O most Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary, accept our humble confidence and this act of consecration by which we entrust ourselves and all our family to you. In you, we put all our hope and we shall never be confounded.

## Bible Corner



### “How Can I Repay The Lord?”

From time immemorial, peoples everywhere explored ways to placate and worship their gods. Their primitive ideas of god and their ways of worship seem very strange to us today, especially their custom of blood sacrifice. Their reasons for such sacrifices were quite straightforward even if the practice itself is very abhorrent to us. Their developing idea of God as the creator and giver of all life seemed to them to demand that he would be best honoured by sacrificing life, an animal's life usually.

The Hebrew people developed that tradition in their own worship and it became focused in the Temple before the time of Jesus. Much earlier, Moses had sought to regulate the practice as we read in the first reading this weekend. Moses consecrated the people and made them hold by sprinkling the blood of the victim sacrificed.

Jesus arrived and gave his life on the Cross to worship the Father on all our behalf. This was radically different from what had happened before, but religious leaders saw the action of Jesus as a climax of and a finale to ancient practice. He was both victim and priest as we read in the second reading. His sacrifice of himself is unique but made present again in the Eucharist as is recounted in Mark's gospel. His Body and Blood are our salvation and consecration.

“The cup of salvation I will raise.  
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make.”

Fr. Tom

### Farranlea Area Open-Air Mass

June 3rd was a glorious evening and in a picturesque setting the residents of the Farranlea area gathered for the annual celebration of their open air Mass. The large number of families present accompanied by their children created a happy and joyous atmosphere.

Welcoming all present, Fr. Tom Clancy spoke of the importance of neighbours and friends coming together as a worshipping community.

Speaking on the gospel, Fr. Tom reminded us of the words of Jesus to his disciples: “If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, I shall not call you servants any more, I call you friends.” This friendship, nourished by prayer and the Eucharist will sustain and strengthen us on life's journey.

Reflecting on the needs of our community, the prayers of the faithful read by our young parishioners touched on the sick, the housebound, those sitting exams, the Church and all deceased residents. The singing was led by Mary McDonogh.

Bernard Murphy, chairman of the Residents Association thanked Fr. Clancy for his help and support. Patsy Curtin and her helpers supervised the serving of a wonderful selection of food, especially enjoyed by the children.

A word of thanks to John Houlihan who worked so hard to make the evening an outstanding success.

Arthur O'Callaghan.